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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending July 8, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were checking fields for insects and controlling grasses and weeds. In most areas of the state, crops are in need of rain to improve development, especially corn. Pasture and hay fields are showing the effects of the hot, dry weather. Soil moisture is 21 percent very short, 48 percent short, 30 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	85	83	90	79	8	8	29	45	10
	Dough	53	26	52	37					
	Dent	19	--	9	5					
Cotton	Squaring	98	96	98	87	0	3	22	62	13
	Setting Bolls	50	30	32	28					
Rice	Heading	10	8	13	9	0	2	22	64	12
Sorghum	Heading	59	36	27	34	0	07	28	56	9
Soybeans	Planted	100	99	99	93	0	7	34	49	10
	Emerged	99	98	96	88					
	Blooming	53	47	32	17					
Wheat	Harvested	100	100	98	96	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	53	47	53	57	6	17	44	29	4
Peaches	Harvested	59	53	34	57	20	41	28	10	1
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	94	80	98	96	0	0	10	70	20
Watermelons	Harvested	36	31	34	17	4	11	44	37	4
Blueberries						15	35	26	20	4
Cattle						1	8	30	54	7
Pasture						7	23	37	29	4

County Agent Comments

"Corn needs rain to finish filling out grain. The cotton, soybeans and grain sorghum crops looks good. Insects remain light to moderate. Hay production is short. Supplies will be tight for winter."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Farmers need rain for all crops. A few showers in spots have given some relief. Cotton looks excellent with few weevils and fall army worms reported. The Bt cotton is as good as advertised at this stage of development. With low cattle prices, short hay and pastures, producers are wondering when to sell their calves."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Pastures in Madison County are very dry and need a good, slow soaking rain. Cotton, corn, and soybean crops at the present time look good. Insect pressure in cotton is on the rise but is still below the threshold level in many fields."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Farmers sprayed for aphids in some cotton fields. Corn fields are suffering at the critical silking time. Yield losses appear evident. Cattlemen are worried about the hay situation. Many pastures are short on grass for grazing."

— Chuck Grantham, Copiah County

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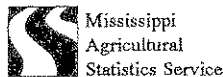
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Weather Summary From July 1, 1996 to July 7, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	93	85	82	82	-0	0.00	-0.69	0	2.43	100	80	90	0.26
Cleveland	96	63	82			0.00		0	0.63				
Tunica	96	58	80	81	-1	0.09	-0.71	1	0.74	98	80	88	
Extreme/Average	96	58	81	81	-0	0.03	-0.72	0	1.23	100	80	89	0.26
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	94	56	78	78	-0	0.00	-1.16	0	0.56	97	80	89	0.26
Memphis	95	58	81	82	-0	0.32	-0.59	2	3.28				
Oxford	95	59	80	79	+1	0.00	-1.00	0	1.87				
Extreme/Average	95	56	80	79	+0	0.11	-0.91	1	1.90	97	80	89	0.26
3. Northeast													
Booneville	92	62	79	78	+0	0.01	-0.86	1	1.52				
Corinth	98	63	82	79	+3	0.01	-0.96	1	2.47				
Iuka	93	55	78			0.10		1	0.98				
Pontotoc	95	60	80	79	+1	0.00	-1.18	0	0.85	96	78	86	0.30
Tupelo	94	61	80	80	-0	0.68	-0.10	1	4.22				
Verona	97	63	82			0.10		1	2.67	93	77	85	0.33
Extreme/Average	98	55	80	79	+1	0.15	-0.80	1	2.12	96	77	86	0.31
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	97	62	81	82	-1	0.21	-1.13	1	0.44	100	86	93	
Greenwood	96	64	82	81	+1	0.00	-1.04	0	0.48				
Rolling Fork	96	65	83			0.00	-1.23	0	0.33	108	88	98	0.23
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	97	67	83	82	+1	0.00	-0.97	0	0.06				
Extreme/Average	97	62	82	82	+1	0.06	-1.10	0	0.33	108	86	96	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage	96	61	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.99	0	1.21				
Jackson	99	64	82	81	+1	0.00	-1.02	0	2.80				
Winona													
Extreme/Average	99	61	81	81	-0	0.00	-1.01	0	2.01				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	102	70	88			0.00	-0.89	0	0.00				
Columbus													
State University	100	62	83	80	+2	0.00	-1.06	0	1.40	110	76	94	
Extreme/Average	102	62	85	80	+5	0.00	-0.98	0	0.70	110	76	94	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	69	82			0.00		0	5.77	98	80	90	
Natchez	94	64	81	81	-0	0.00	-0.93	0	2.68				
Oakley													
Vicksburg	96	69	82			0.00		0	2.96				
Extreme/Average	96	64	82	81	+0	0.00	-0.93	0	3.80	98	80	90	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	97	65	82	81	+1	0.00	-1.42	0	4.50				
McComb	95	66	80	80	+0	0.16	-1.40	1	3.25				
Extreme/Average	97	65	81	81	+0	0.08	-1.41	1	3.88				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	99	65	82			0.00		0	2.58	106	82	93	
Hattiesburg	99	63	82	81	+0	0.10	-0.89	1	1.24				
Laurel													
Meridian	99	61	81	81	+0	0.46	-0.60	1	1.08				
Newton	99	63	81	80	+1	0.00	-0.96	0	2.92	100	78	89	0.29
Extreme/Average	99	61	81	81	+1	0.14	-0.86	1	1.96	106	78	91	0.29
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	100	66	83			0.00		0	2.08				
Biloxi													
Gulfport	96	74	84	82	+2	0.00	-1.64	0	4.67				
Pascagoula	93	68	80	82	-2	0.02	-1.16	1	5.60				
Poplarville	101	69	83	81	+2	0.16	-1.36	1	3.78	107	76	89	0.28
Extreme/Average	101	65	83	82	+1	0.05	-1.40	1	4.03	107	76	89	0.28
State	102	55	82	81	+1	0.06	-1.01	1	2.20	110	76	91	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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